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WASHINGTON, August 10, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 5 totaled 327,430, down 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 0.8 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 3.1 percent in the East and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were down 4,457 cars (3.6 percent). Grain loadings were down 4,283 cars (14.7 percent). Loadings of waste and scrap materials were down 1,470 cars (16.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 31 weeks of 1989 totaled 10,255,309, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 114,744 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 5, up 1.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of 1989 was 3,419,969 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 5 totaled 18.9 billion, 2.1 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 587.8 billion ton-miles, down 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,853	29,136	-14.7 %	26,626	-6.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	894	1,070	-16.4	950	-5.9
Metallic Ores	21,669	19,123	13.3	20,471	5.9
Coal	120,282	124,739	-3.6	121,802	-1.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,757	18,005	-1.4	16,894	5.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,155	10,865	-6.5	10,484	-3.1
Grain Mill Products	10,000	10,027	-.3	9,487	5.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,050	9,000	.6	9,144	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	8,957	9,515	-5.9	9,264	-3.3
Lumber & Wood Products	6,691	6,201	7.9	7,078	-5.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,615	10,651	-.3	10,620	.0
Chemicals	27,278	26,577	2.6	26,305	3.7
Petroleum Products	4,966	5,312	-6.5	5,300	-6.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,737	10,865	-1.2	10,935	-1.8
Coke	5,986	5,998	-.2	5,760	3.9
Metals & Products	9,429	10,119	-6.8	9,654	-2.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,950	14,414	-3.2	13,914	.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,686	9,156	-16.1	8,285	-7.2
All Other Carloads	6,475	6,641	-2.5	7,081	-8.6
Total	**327,430**	**337,414**	**-3.0 %**	**330,054**	**-.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 31 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**327,430**	**337,414**	**-3.0 %**	**10,255,309**	**10,347,963**	**-.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,265	66,144	-1.3	1,976,547	2,052,494	-3.7
Containers	49,479	47,310	4.6	1,443,422	1,351,829	6.8
Total	**114,744**	**113,454**	**1.1**	**3,419,969**	**3,404,323**	**.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.9**	**19.3**	**-2.1 %**	**587.8**	**589.9**	**-.4 %**

NOTES: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Prior year's figures are repeated for: Week 31, 1989 - TM.